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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN POSITION ON ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN

1. PUBLIC EGYPTIAN STANCE RE MOVEMENT TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN APPEARS AT PRESENT TO BE SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS THIRD-WORLD BLOCS-- ISLAMIC SUMMIT, OAU, NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT-- TO SUSPEND, AS OPPOSED TO EXPEL, ISRAEL FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS, BUT AT SAME TIME TO USE THIS DEMONSTRATED VOTING STRENGTH AT UPCOMING UNGA ONLY AS LAST RESORT.

2. JULY 27 STATEMENT BY PRES SADAT AT KHARTOUM EXPRESSES GOE VIEW THAT EXPULSION OF ISRAEL WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, BUT SADAT DID GIVE NOD TO THOSE ARABS FRUSTRATED BY TORTUOUS PACE OF SECOND STAGE WITHDRAWAL NEGOTIATIONS BY STATING THAT ISRAEL SHOULD BE SUSPENDED AT SOME FUTURE, UNSPECIFIED, DATE SHOULD UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS REMAIN UNFULFILLED.

- 3. COMMENT: COMING IN WAKE OF RADICAL-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AT JIDDA ISLAMIC SUMMIT CALLING FOR ISRAELI EXPULSION, SADAT COMMENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD NO LONGER BE BOUND BY UN RESOLUTIONS IF EXPELLED APPEARS PARTICULARLY COURAGEOUS AND PROBABLY HELPED ACHIEVE DEFEAT, REPORTED EXCLUSIVELY IN AKHBAR JULY 29, OF MOTION CALLING FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL AT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF OAU. MOTION TO QTE FREEZE UNQTE (I.E., SUSPEND) ISRAEL FROM UN MEMBERSHIP WAS APPARENTLY PASSED INSTEAD.
- 4. SOURCES IN CAIRO PRESS SPECULATED TO EMBOFF THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD TIE ISSUE OF ISRAELI SUSPENSION TO EXPIRATION OF UNEF MANDATE IN LATE OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO THIS SCENARIO, GOE WOULD THEN HAVE DOUBLE LEVERAGE OF NON-RENEWAL OF MANDATE AND THREATENED INTRODUCTION OF SUSPENSION RESOLUTION AT UNGA.
- 5. BELIEF IN CAIRO APPEARS WIDESPREAD THAT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN LIMA LIKELY TO PRODUCE RESOLUTION ROUGHLY SIMILAR TO OAU CALL FOR SUSPENSION. DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY WILL PROBABLY NOT ATTEND MEETINGS, STARTING AUGUST 25, OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL PREPARATORY TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. EXPECT GOE TO BE REPRESENTED BY MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD.

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